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VISIT US SOON!

Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.

Morning Worship.....10:30 A.M.

Evening Worship..... 5:00 P.M.

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FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY



at FOREST HILL
Sunday, May 17

Fellowship meal following
Morning Worship

Please invite your family & friends!

“GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES” (Part 2)

Robert R. Taylor, Jr.

Go and Make Disciples By Publications and Tracts

Tracts are invaluable. A. G. Hobbs proved that a generation ago. Allen Webster (House to House) is proving it at the present. Tracts can be handed out, placed in a tract rack and mailed at reasonable rates. Many years ago I wrote a tract on “A Plea For The Old Paths.” Soon it was internationally used. I based it on Jeremiah 6:16. An African missionary wrote me about handing it out at a service and just reading it as the people followed in their received copies. At the end of the service a number of people requested baptism. His letter made my day, week and month.

Newspaper articles can be very effective. They need to be short and to the point. When I lived in Ripley, Mississippi. 1968-1974, I wrote over 250 weekly articles for the Southern Sentinel-local and county paper. We paid for the articles each week and thus our hands were never tied about content.

Letters to editors of newspapers and magazines can have an impact on a society that gets little truth from the “drive-by media” and modernistic pulpits of our day. Frequently, a lot can be said in a short space.

Go and Make Disciples By Earnest Invitations Extended

In Matthew 4 and Mark 1 Jesus is recorded as inviting industrious fishermen to forsake boats and nets and become fishers of men. Peter, Andrew, James and John accepted the call to discipleship and ardent service in the Lord’s work. Matthew is invited to leave a tax table and to become a truth teller for the Redeemer. Jesus won a woman at Jacob’s well and she, in turn, invited the Samaritan masses to come and see this amazing man she called the Messiah or the Christ (John 4:5ff). Many acted favorably and were greatly pleased with their rich discovery.

Cornelius became an avid soul winner by inviting relatives and friends to hear Simon Peter prior to Cornelius’ own conversion (Acts 10:24, 27). In one of Lard’s articles the renowned preacher told about Dick, a slave, his master, Thomas, and a meeting at South Point. Dick was already a Christian; Thomas was not. The slave invited the master to attend the meeting which was several miles distance from him. Thomas was converted. Dick was happiness personified. At Lard’s suggestion they made ready for a gospel meeting in their area and Lard would do the preaching. It materialized. Many were converted and the cause was established in that community. Oh, the power of that

one invitation from a slave to a master with continuing results is beautifully illustrated in this heart-warming account told as only Lard could write it. Lard was a great mover of men from error to truth. I have spent many pleasant, rewarding hours reading his eloquent writings (*Lard’s Quarterly*, Vol. 1, pp. 23-28).

Go and Make Disciples By Benevolence

This is one of the three appointed missions of the Lord’s church; the other two being evangelism and edification. Doors of evangelism often have been opened by helping people in need, taking in a meal when sickness or death hits a family, or visiting a new family in town with a welcoming pie or cake in hand ready to present to them at the door.

Newcomers take notice of such acts of kindness and real helpfulness. Jesus spoke of this early in the Sermon on the Mount, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven” (Mat. 5:16). Subsequent to World War II generous measures of benevolent aid—food, clothing and other essentials were taken to war torn countries in Europe and the far East. They were fed, clothed, given medical attention, and then were evangelized with the power of the gospel. Amazing success crowned the efforts of men like Otis Gatewood and others. The same was done in numerous African nations with thousands converted. Benevolence and evangelism had been joined together. Edification then followed with permanent results unfolding.

Go and Make Disciples By Debates with Those in Error

Debates are not as common and popular as was once the case. But when conducted upon high, dignified plane they have resulted in multitudes leaving man-made churches and coming into the Lord’s church about which we read in the New Testament. This was especially true during the 1800s and the 1900s when denominational preachers were willing to defend their beliefs and practices. Many are not willing to do so now. Campbell, Harding, Warlick, Boles, Tant, Hardeman, Freed and the Wallaces, especially Foy and G.K., Woods, Warren, Deaver, Merideth, Elkins, Highers, Bright and many others were all sharp and effective debaters. Great meetings often followed the debates, with multitudes converted. Debates enabled discerning people to see clearly the fallacies of denominational error and the simple sublime strength of saving gospel truth. Though dead, these former debaters are still effective in teaching those willing to be led from error into the sunlit truths of primitive Christianity.

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From the Preacher

We enjoyed a great worship service this past Lord's Day. I enjoyed preaching about mothers and give thanks to God for all those who faithfully fill that role. A number of guests worshipped with us. Some children were here to honor their mothers who are members at Forest Hill, while some mothers came and visited with their children who are members here. Among our guests was Victor Eskew, who was visiting his mother, Hazel. He led our opening prayer. Victor preaches in the Jacksonville, Florida area, but will soon be moving to Paris, Tennessee to preach for the East Wood congregation.

Sunday evening brother Peter Chin of Four Seas Bible college was our guest speaker. He delivered a powerful presentation entitled "The Word of the Lord Endureth Forever." We are so happy that such an illustrious alumnus of MSOP is now training preachers in Asia. Peter's son, Andy, a member at Forest Hill, just graduated with a B.A. degree from the University of Memphis. He will be leaving with his parents on their return to Singapore.

We look forward to our Family and Friends Day this Sunday. This great event is highlighted on the front page of the bulletin. My sermon topic will be "A Peculiar People." A fellowship meal will follow. I really believe special days like this can help us reach more with the saving gospel of Christ. Be sure to invite your family and friends. While some will not accept your invitation, some will. This will be a cause for rejoicing.

More will be said in the coming weeks about our Vacation Bible School. Don't forget the date—JUNE 8-10.

Barry

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